

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**April 18, 2021**



*"Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would."*

**Welcome**

**Prelude** - In Christ Alone...Getty and Townend, arr. Mark Hayes

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**Call to Worship**

Living God,  
who came to this world  
and entered human pain,  
come and be in every painful place in our lives,  
be in every painful place in our world.

Living God,  
who in the secret darkness rose from the grave,  
come and be in the secret, dark places in our lives,  
be in every secret, dark place in our world.

Living God,  
who sent the women to proclaim the resurrection  
to the frightened apostles,  
come and empower us in every frightened place in our lives,  
empower all your children in every frightened place in our world.

Living God, Risen Son, Easter God,  
come and make us your living Church,  
Your risen Church,  
Your Easter Church,  
in every place in our world. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray: Holy Giver and Receiver of life, Your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to you, and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all your followers, for the sake of the one who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

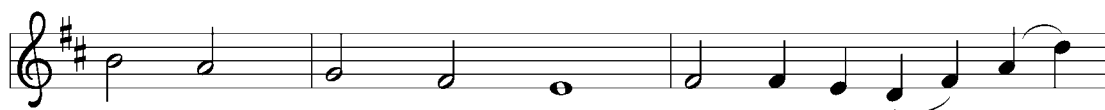
## Hymn - I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (ELW No. 619, vss. 1,2,4,8)

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### I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



- 1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



- this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



- once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br/>         he lives to plead for me above;<br/>         he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br/>         he lives to help in time of need.</p>                       | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>         he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>         he lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>         he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>         he lives and loves me to the end;<br/>         he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br/>         he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br/>         He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br/>         what joy this blest assurance gives:<br/>         I know that my Redeemer lives!</p>    |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## Confession & Forgiveness

Gracious Father,  
you sent your Son to die and rise to new life  
in order that death might be brought to an end  
and that we might live a new life in Him.

Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain  
captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death.  
By our thoughts, words, and actions,  
we have scorned your love,  
diminished the lives of others,  
and defaced your image in us.

Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake,  
and enable us by His resurrection power  
to live no longer for ourselves  
but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

*“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen and Amen! (Romans 8:38)*

Do not dwell on your separation from God any longer  
for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you;  
he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.  
Christ has risen to forgive us. In Jesus name you are forgiven. **Amen**

**Reading** – Mark 10:41-45

**Children's Message**

**Narrative Reading** – Acts 6:1-7

**Sermon**

**Special Music** - Lord, From Your Hand...Ken Bible, arr. Tom Fettke

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Audrey Marsteller, vocalist

*Lord, from Your hand I take the bread, And from Your cup I drink the wine. You serve forgiveness for my need. You serve Your holy life for mine. Now from Your lips I hear the words: "This is My body and My blood." I see the mercy in Your eyes, I see the pain, I see the love. I see the cross, I see Your face, My God what agony and grief! I see Your suffer as You die. I hear You pray: it is for me. O Jesus, Savior, Holy God! I live and breathe in Your embrace! Lord, every moment draw my heart to love and serve You face to face.*

**Nicene Creed**

**Prayers** –

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

*A brief silence.*

God of glory, grant vision to your church that we might boldly proclaim your presence and work in the world.

Most High, heaven is your throne and the earth is your footstool, make all of creation show forth your glory that we might cherish all that you have given us and work to preserve and care for it.

God of all languages and people, bring the proclamation of your Good News to all the world that your love, peace, and justice may prevail over all else.

God of the martyrs, make us bold in our witness to your love that your grace be known in the hearts of all.

Lord Jesus, be with all who suffer in any fashion (*especially, ...*) that your comforting presence be known to them.

God of all, the Holy Spirit unites us with prophets and martyrs of all times and places, bind us together into your holy community and give us all a foretaste of what is to come.

Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and deeds. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy  
kingdom come, thy will be  
done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn** - O Zion, Haste (Public Domain)

## O Zion, Haste



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

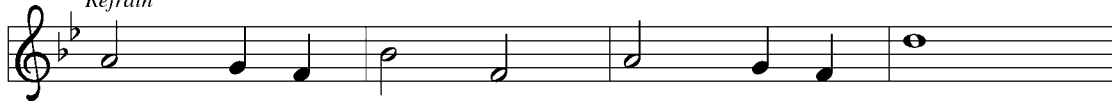


that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

### *Refrain*



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923

Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

## **Benediction**

Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him.

### **The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!**

Because of our sins, he was handed over to die; and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.

### **The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!**

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen**

## **Postlude - Worthy is the Lamb...Zschech, arr. Mary McDonald**

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord.

### **In the name of Christ. Amen**

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## **Week of April 18, 2021**

**Parking Lot Worship** – Please turn station to **97.3 FM** to hear the worship service from your car.

**Drive Thru Communion** – (April 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to noon) Pastor Camp will offer Holy Communion. Come anytime during those times. Enter the parking lot and proceed to the Communion station. There Pastor will offer prayers, communion and a blessing. Communion will be served using individual sealed cups which include both the wafer and grape juice.

**Lil Pantry** – We are so blessed to be able to help our community by providing food in our Lil Pantry. It is being used heavily. How can you help? Either drop off your food donations directly to the Lil Pantry or mail a check to Union Lutheran Church. We will purchase food and restock.

**You are welcome to join our Union Lutheran Family** - All are welcome no matter if you are coming from a Lutheran background or another faith tradition. *We are so excited for the opportunity to have you join our ministries.* Becoming a part of our family is simple. Just contact Pastor Camp or the Church Office at [610-767-6884](tel:610-767-6884) or [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org). Let us welcome you during one of our upcoming worship services.

**Vacation Bible School-** Check out the 2 ways to enjoy VBS-your choice!

1. "At Home VBS" – watch our VBS videos emailed directly to your home **or**
2. Join us Sundays, June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25 9:45 – 10:30 AM for family VBS: skits, craft, games outside & watch our VBS videos at home.

Call the office at 610-767-6884 or register on our website [ulclv.org](http://ulclv.org).



Dan Adams, Phil Artin, Barbara Spohn, Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum, Genevieve Tegtmeier, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Charles Kopcho, Victoria Lutz & her baby boy, Karen Mack, Alex Rebeck, Chuck Allison, Dottie Bealer, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Lisa Navitsky, Paul and Cindy Twardzik

**Please contact Pastor Camp to share prayer concerns.**

- ✝ *Alyson Bucks hospitalized following back surgery complications*
- ✝ *Ward Whitehill, father of Susan Collins, recovering from Covid-19*
- ✝ *Lewis Whitaker dealing with Lyme disease & awaiting test results*
- ✝ *We pray for the congregation of Ziegels Lutheran Church and their Pastor Andy Meckstroth.*
- ✝ *We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.*

**Book Club's** next book [The Book of Longings](#) by Sue Monk Kidd - Grounded in meticulous historical research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, The Book of Longings is an inspiring account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place, and culture devised to silence her. We will meet to discuss this book on Monday, April 26 @ 7 pm via Zoom. Email Barb Mahoney at [bjsm2@ptd.net](mailto:bjsm2@ptd.net) or call the church office to receive the Zoom invitation.



<b>This Week's Calendar of Events</b>		
<b>Sun. 4/18</b>	<b>Parking Lot Worship</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	<b>Virtual Worship</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>Zoom 10:30 am</b>
<b>Mon. 4/19</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	<b>Zoom 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Tues. 4/20</b>	<b>Glory Ringers Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Weds. 4/21</b>	<b>Union Chorale Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:45 pm</b>
<b>Sat. 4/24</b>	<b>Praise Band Rehearsal</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
<b>Sun. 4/25</b>	<b>Parking Lot Worship</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	<b>Virtual Worship</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>Zoom 10:30 am</b>
	<b>Drive Thru Communion</b>	<b>11 AM - noon</b>
	<b>Reopening Team</b>	<b>Zoom 11:30 am</b>

<b>Today's Worship Participants</b>	
<b>Online Worship Reading</b>	Terry Hoffman
<b>Greeters for Parking Lot Worship</b>	Terry & Patti Hoffman
<b>Special Music Group</b>	Audrey Marsteller

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